

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 3/16/05 - MAR

Division: BOCC-1

Bulk Item: Yes X No     

Department: BOCC-1

Staff Contact Person: Dixie M. Spehar

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE DOROTHY CLARE SHERMAN.

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:**

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:**                     

**BUDGETED:** Yes      No     

**COST TO COUNTY:**                     

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                     

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes      No      **AMOUNT PER MONTH**      **Year**     

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty      OMB/Purchasing      Risk Management     

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**

Dixie M. Spehar  
MAYOR DIXIE M. SPEHAR

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included      Not Required X

**DISPOSITION:**                                     

**AGENDA ITEM #**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_-2004**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
LATE DOROTHY CLARE SHERMAN.**

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy Clare Sherman passed away on February 7, 2005 at the Lower Keys Medical Center in Key West; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy was born on November 29, 1923 in Las Angeles, California, the daughter of Wilfrid M. and Bogan Violet Clare; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy resided in Key West for over 41 years, coming to Key West from California with her husband, George Sherman, retired Navy Lt. Commander and Diver; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy and her husband founded the all-volunteer *St. Mary's Soup Kitchen* 25 years ago, working tirelessly to feed literally thousands of homeless people over the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy was an active member of the Southernmost Homeless Assistance League, a coalition of homeless service providers, and despite her own health problems over the past year, recently helped homeless advocates count the number of homeless people living in mangroves, under bridges and other spots throughout the County to provide numbers to local non-profit agencies when applying for state and federal grants; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy received numerous awards over the years for her humanitarian efforts on behalf of the homeless including the *Red Cross Florence Spottswood Humanitarian of the Year Award* in 1999 and the *Samuel's House Women of Integrity Award* in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy will be revered as "...one of the most saintly people.." to have graced our community, a person who "...loved the poor and the marginalized.." and who put her love and empathy for others into action by selflessly spending many of her holidays at the soup kitchen to ensure homeless people were served a hot meal; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorothy is survived by her husband, George; five sons; George E. Sherman, Jr. of Altadena, California, Dean Sherman of San Diego, California, Christopher Sherman of Cameron Park, Georgia, Matthew Sherman of Los Angeles, California and Andrew Sherman of Langley Air Force Base, Virginia; two daughters; Terese Clare Soloski of Cameron Park, California and special adopted daughter Sandy West of Key West; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1:** Hereby adopts this Resolution as an expression to the family of their deepest sympathy in the passing of the late Dorothy Clare Sherman, and in great appreciation of the heartfelt service she gave to her community.

**Section 2:** Forward a copy of this Resolution to the family of Dorothy Clare Sherman expressing the Board's sorrow.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Florida, at a meeting of said Board held on the \_\_\_\_\_ 16th \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, A.D., 2005.

Mayor Dixie M. Spehar  
Mayor Pro Tem Charles "Sonny" McCoy  
Commissioner George Neugent  
Commissioner Murray Nelson  
Commissioner David P. Rice

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(SEAL)  
Attest: DANNY L. KOLHAGE, Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor/Chairman